

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A one-piece fitting for attaching electrical nonmetallic tubing to a surface of a concrete form comprising:
 - a molded plastic body having an inverted generally cup-like configuration;
 - said body having a peripheral wall and an endwall forming an internal cavity with a bottom opening;
 - an attachment flange extending outwardly from said peripheral wall around said bottom opening, said flange having a plane outer surface and having a plurality of fastener receiving holes therethrough spaced around said opening;
 - said plane outer surface of said attachment flange being at one terminal end of said fitting and said end wall being at a generally opposite terminal end of said fitting;
 - said plane outer surface of said attachment flange being positionable against a plane support surface for attaching the fitting to the support surface with the bottom opening closed by the support surface;
 - a generally cylindrical socket extending through said endwall into said cavity for receiving an end portion of an electrical nonmetallic tube;
 - said socket having a socket wall that is surrounded by said cavity and with said peripheral wall in outwardly-spaced surrounding relationship to said socket wall;

said socket having a longitudinal socket axis intersecting said bottom opening;

said socket wall having a generally cylindrical entrance portion extending over a portion of the axial length of said socket;

said socket wall having a plurality of circumferentially-spaced resilient fingers extending from said generally cylindrical entrance portion over the remaining length of said socket wall and being inclined inwardly toward said socket axis from said generally cylindrical entrance portion;

said fingers having finger terminal ends spaced from said bottom opening;

said cavity, said socket and said peripheral wall being configured to provide insertion of an electrical nonmetallic tube into and through said socket past said finger terminal ends into engagement with a support surface that covers said bottom opening when said plane outer surface of said attachment flange rests against the support surface;

said body peripheral wall and endwall being continuous and free of openings therethrough around said socket to preclude entry of poured concrete into said socket and said cavity through said body peripheral wall and endwall; and,

said fingers being configured to releasably hold an end portion of an electrical nonmetallic tube in said socket against unintentional displacement therefrom while permitting separation of the socket and the end portion of the electric nonmetallic tube.

Claims 2 - 6 (cancelled).

7. (previously presented) The fitting of claim 1 wherein said bottom opening is circular and has a central axis, said peripheral wall having a generally frustoconical shape, and said socket axis being generally coincidental with said central axis of said bottom opening.

8. (original) The fitting of claim 1 wherein said socket axis extends at an angle of 45° to the plane of said flange plane outer surface.

9. (previously presented) The fitting of claim 1 wherein said fingers are more than three in number and are separated by generally V-shaped spaces that increase in width from said generally cylindrical entrance portion to said finger terminal ends so that said fingers gradually decrease in circumferential width in a direction from said generally cylindrical entrance portion to said finger terminal ends.

Claim 10 (cancelled).

11. (previously presented) The fitting of claim 1 wherein said fingers are more than three in number and only two generally opposed ones of said fingers have radially inwardly extending teeth thereon adjacent said finger terminal ends.

12. (currently amended) A one-piece fitting for attaching electrical nonmetallic tubing to a surface of a concrete form comprising:
a molded plastic body having an inverted generally cup-like configuration;

said body having a generally frustoconical peripheral wall terminating in an endwall and forming an internal cavity having a generally circular bottom opening;

an attachment flange extending outwardly from said body wall around said bottom opening, said flange having a plane outer surface and having a plurality of fastener receiving holes therethrough spaced around said opening;

a socket extending through said endwall into said cavity for receiving an end portion of an electrical nonmetallic tube;

said socket having a socket wall that is surrounded by said cavity and with said peripheral wall in outwardly-spaced surrounding relationship to said socket wall;

said socket and said bottom opening having coincidental axes;

said socket wall having a generally cylindrical entrance portion extending over a portion of the axial length of said socket;

said socket wall having a plurality of circumferentially-spaced resilient fingers extending from said generally cylindrical entrance portion over the remaining length of said socket;

said fingers being inclined inwardly toward said socket axis from said generally cylindrical entrance portion and having finger inner surfaces that lie on the surface of a cone;

said fingers having finger terminal ends spaced from said bottom opening;

said cavity, said socket and said peripheral wall being configured to provide insertion of an ENT electrical nonmetallic tube into and through said socket past said finger terminal ends into engagement with a support surface that covers said bottom opening when said plane outer surface of said attachment flange rests against the support surface;

said body peripheral wall and endwall being continuous and free of openings therethrough around said socket to preclude entry of poured concrete into said socket and said cavity through said body peripheral wall and endwall; and,

said fingers being configured to releasably hold an end portion of an electrical nonmetallic tube in said socket against unintentional displacement therefrom while permitting separation of the socket and the end portion of the electrical nonmetallic tube.

Claims 13 - 16 (cancelled).

17. (previously presented) The fitting of claim 12 wherein said fingers are separated by generally V-shaped spaces that increase in width from said generally cylindrical entrance portion to said finger terminal ends so that said fingers gradually decrease in circumferential width in a direction from said generally cylindrical entrance portion to said finger terminal ends.

18. (previously presented) The fitting of claim 12 wherein said fingers are more than three in number and only two generally opposed ones of said fingers have radially inwardly extending teeth thereon adjacent said finger terminal ends.

19. (currently amended) A fitting for attaching electrical nonmetallic tubing to a surface of a concrete form comprising:

a molded plastic body having an inverted generally cup-like configuration;

said body having a peripheral wall and an endwall forming an internal cavity with a bottom opening;

the bottom opening having a larger area than the area of the endwall;

an attachment flange extending outwardly from said peripheral wall around said bottom opening, said flange having a plane outer surface and having a plurality of fastener receiving holes therethrough spaced around said opening;

a socket extending through said wall into said cavity for receiving an end portion of an electrical nonmetallic tube;

said socket having a socket wall that is surrounded by said cavity and with said peripheral wall in outwardly-spaced surrounding relationship to said socket wall;

said socket having a longitudinal socket axis that is inclined at an angle less than 90° to the plane in which said plane outer surface of said flange lies and intersects said bottom opening;

said socket having a generally cylindrical entrance portion extending over a portion of the axial length of said socket;

said socket having a plurality of circumferentially-spaced resilient fingers extending from said generally cylindrical entrance portion over the remaining length of said socket;

said fingers being inclined inwardly toward said socket axis from said generally cylindrical entrance portion and having finger inner surfaces that lie on the surface of a cone;

said fingers having finger terminal ends spaced from said bottom opening; and

said cavity, said socket and said peripheral wall being configured to provide insertion of an electrical nonmetallic tube into and through said socket and past said finger terminal ends into engagement with a support surface that covers said bottom opening when said plane outer surface of said attachment flange rests against the support surface;

said body peripheral wall and endwall being continuous and free of openings therethrough around said socket to preclude entry of poured concrete into said socket and said cavity through said body peripheral wall and endwall; and,

said fingers being configured to releasably hold an end portion of an electrical nonmetallic tube in said socket against unintentional displacement therefrom while permitting separation of the socket and the end portion of the electrical nonmetallic tube.

Claims 20-22 (cancelled)

23. (currently amended) The fitting of claim 19 wherein said bottom opening is non-circular.

24. (previously presented) The fitting of claim 19 wherein said fingers are more than three in number and are separated by generally V-shaped spaces that increase in width from said generally cylindrical entrance portion to said finger terminal ends so that said fingers gradually decrease in circumferential width in a direction from said generally cylindrical entrance portion to said finger terminal ends.

25. (currently amended) The fitting of claim ~~[[12]]~~ 19 wherein said fingers are more than three in number and only two generally opposed ones of said fingers have radially inwardly extending teeth thereon adjacent said finger terminal ends.

26. (previously presented) A fitting for attaching electrical nonmetallic tubing to a surface comprising:

a molded plastic body having an inverted generally cup-like configuration;

said body having a body wall forming an internal cavity having a bottom opening;

an attachment flange extending outwardly from said body wall around said bottom opening, said flange having a plane outer surface and having a plurality of fastener receiving holes therethrough spaced around said opening;

a socket extending through said wall into said cavity for receiving an end portion of an electrical nonmetallic tube;

said socket having a longitudinal socket axis intersecting said bottom opening;

said socket having a generally cylindrical entrance portion extending over a portion of the axial length of said socket;

said socket having a plurality of circumferentially-spaced resilient fingers extending from said generally cylindrical entrance portion over the remaining length of said socket;

said fingers being inclined inwardly toward said socket axis and having finger inner surfaces that lie on the surface of a cone;

said body wall having a wall internal surface defining said cavity;

at least one flat rib extending along said wall internal surface; and

said rib being graspable between pliers jaws at said bottom opening.

27. (previously presented) The fitting of claim 26 wherein said rib is connected within said cavity to said generally cylindrical entrance portion of said socket.

28. (previously presented) A fitting for attaching electrical nonmetallic tubing to a surface comprising:

a molded plastic body having an inverted generally cup-like configuration;

said body having a generally frustoconical peripheral wall terminating in an endwall and forming an internal cavity having a generally circular bottom opening;

an attachment flange extending outwardly from said body wall around said bottom opening, said flange having a plane outer surface and having a plurality of fastener receiving holes therethrough spaced around said opening;

a socket extending through said endwall into said cavity for receiving an end portion of an electrical nonmetallic tube;

said socket and said bottom opening having coincidental axes;

said socket having a generally cylindrical entrance portion extending over a portion of the axial length of said socket;

said socket having a plurality of circumferentially-spaced resilient fingers extending from said generally cylindrical entrance portion over the remaining length of said socket;

said fingers being inclined inwardly toward said socket axis and having finger inner surfaces that lie on the surface of a cone;

said body wall having a wall internal surface defining said cavity;

at least one flat rib extending along said wall internal surface; and

said rib being graspable between pliers jaws at said bottom opening.

29. (previously presented) The fitting of claim 28 wherein said rib is connected within said cavity to said generally cylindrical entrance portion of said socket.

30. (currently amended) A fitting for attaching electrical nonmetallic tubing to a surface comprising:

a molded plastic body having an inverted generally cup-like configuration;

said body having a body wall forming an internal cavity with a bottom opening;

an attachment flange extending outwardly from said body wall around said bottom opening, said flange having a plane outer surface that defines a terminal end of said fitting;

a socket extending through said body wall into said cavity for receiving an end portion of an electrical nonmetallic tube;

said plane outer surface of said attachment flange being securable against a support surface with said socket opening outwardly away from the support surface for receiving an end portion of an electrical nonmetallic tube and with the bottom opening being closed by the support surface;

said socket having a longitudinal socket axis intersecting said bottom opening;

said socket having a plurality of circumferentially-spaced resilient fingers extending into said cavity and having finger terminal ends spaced from said bottom opening;

said body wall being continuous and free of openings therethrough around said socket, including around said socket fingers, to preclude entry of poured concrete into said socket and said cavity through said body wall;

said cavity, said body wall and said socket being configured to provide insertion of an electrical nonmetallic tube into and through said socket past said finger terminal ends into engagement with a support surface that overlies said bottom opening when said plane outer surface of said flange is positioned against the support surface for supporting the fitting thereon;
and,

said fingers being configured to releasably hold an end portion of an electrical nonmetallic tube in said socket against unintentional displacement therefrom while permitting separation of the socket and the end portion of the electrical nonmetallic tube.

31. (previously presented) The fitting of claim 30 wherein said body wall is configured within said cavity with at least one gripable projection that is accessible through said bottom opening and is gripable in pliers jaws for separating the fitting from a concrete mass.

32. (currently amended) The fitting of claim 30 wherein said fingers include at least one generally opposed pair of fingers having inwardly extending teeth thereon adjacent said finger terminal ends, said socket having a socket entrance opening and said teeth being spaced toward said socket entrance opening from said finger terminal ends, and said teeth being configured to provide movement of an end portion of an electrical nonmetallic tube both into and out of said socket while releasably holding the end portion of the electrical nonmetallic tube within the socket by reception of the teeth in an external circumferential groove in the end portion of the electrical nonmetallic tube.

33. (previously presented) The fitting of claim 30 wherein said body wall includes a generally flat body endwall through which said socket extends into said cavity.

34. (previously presented) The fitting of claim 30 wherein said socket has a continuous and uninterrupted cylindrical entrance portion that is surrounded by said cavity with said body wall in outwardly-spaced surrounding relationship thereto, said fingers having finger

inner surfaces that are inclined inwardly toward said socket axis in a direction from said cylindrical entrance portion toward said finger terminal ends, and said finger inner surfaces being curved to lie on the surface of a cone.

35. (previously presented) The fitting of claim 30 wherein said body wall, said cavity and said socket are configured with said cavity surrounding said socket and with said body wall in outwardly-spaced surrounding relationship to said socket.

36. (new) The fitting of claim 1 wherein said fingers are more than three in number and include at least one generally opposed pair of fingers having generally radially inwardly extending teeth thereon adjacent said terminal ends thereof, said teeth being configured to provide movement of an end portion of an electrical nonmetallic tube both into and out of said socket while releasably holding the end portion of the electrical nonmetallic tube within the socket by reception of the teeth in an external circumferential groove in the end portion of the electrical nonmetallic tube.

37. (new) The fitting of claim 12 wherein said fingers are more than three in number and include at least one generally opposed pair of fingers having generally radially inwardly extending teeth thereon adjacent said terminal ends thereof, said teeth being configured to provide movement of an end portion of an electrical nonmetallic tube both into and out of said socket while releasably holding the end portion of the electrical nonmetallic tube within the socket by reception of the teeth in an external circumferential groove in the end portion of the electrical nonmetallic tube.

38. (new) The fitting of claim 19 wherein said fingers are more than three in number and include at least one generally opposed pair of said fingers having generally radially inwardly extending teeth thereon adjacent said terminal ends thereof, said teeth being configured to provide movement of an end portion of an electrical nonmetallic tube both into and out of said socket while releasably holding the end portion of the electrical nonmetallic tube within the socket by reception of the teeth in an external circumferential groove in the end portion of the electrical nonmetallic tube.

39. (new) A concrete form having a plane form surface with a fitting attached thereto for attaching an end portion of an electrical nonmetallic tube to the form, said fitting comprising:

a molded plastic body having an inverted generally cup-like configuration;

said body having a peripheral wall and an endwall forming an internal cavity with a bottom opening;

an attachment flange extending outwardly from said peripheral wall around said bottom opening, said flange having a plane outer surface and having a plurality of fastener receiving holes therethrough spaced around said opening;

said plane outer surface of said attachment flange being at one terminal end of said fitting and said end wall being at a generally opposite terminal end of said fitting;

said attachment flange being attached to said form with said plane outer surface of said attachment flange positioned against said plane form surface for use in attaching the fitting to the form surface;

a socket extending through said endwall into said cavity for receiving an end portion of an electrical nonmetallic tube;

said socket having a socket wall that is surrounded by said cavity and with said peripheral wall in outwardly-spaced surrounding relationship to said socket wall;

said socket having a longitudinal socket axis intersecting said bottom opening;

said socket wall having a generally cylindrical entrance portion extending over a portion of the axial length of said socket;

said socket wall having a plurality of circumferentially-spaced resilient fingers extending from said generally cylindrical entrance portion over the remaining length of said socket wall;

said fingers having finger terminal ends spaced from said bottom opening; and

said cavity, said socket and said peripheral wall being configured to provide insertion of an end portion of an electrical nonmetallic tube into and through said socket past said finger terminal ends and with said fingers releasably holding the end portion of the electrical nonmetallic tube within the socket against unintentional separation therefrom while permitting separation of the socket and the end portion of the electrical nonmetallic tube.